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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 U.S.A.

## Dear Sir:

In Response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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Examiner: P. Connolly

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